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Burlington Development Review Board  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING & ZONING

Dear Mr. Hart,

I would like to tell you why, at the last DRB meeting on April 5, 2016, there were no residents from the New North End to speak to their request to reopen the 451 Ethan Allen Parkway plat review hearing of March 7, 2016.

We understood from conversations and emails from the PZC that there was nearly no chance of the request being included in the agenda and, therefore, no reason for the residents making the request to attend the meeting. In addition, we noted that the request was not on the formal emailed agenda.

I was watching the live Channel 17 broadcast of the April 5th meeting and was surprised when the last item under "Public Hearing" was our request to be included in the meeting, and I was dismayed to see none of our group in the audience. You seemed to be surprised, too, at there being no one from the neighborhood in attendance, and you remarked that it was "a problem." You asked why the request had been made, and Scott Gustin said our group had alleged that there had been no proper notice of the March 7th meeting. He indicated that correspondence subsequently made unfounded concerns that could not be related. After this short discussion, you said the board had no other choice but to deny the request, and you made the motion to deny. However, you stated that because the agenda had been changed around at the beginning of the meeting so that the hearings would be later in the agenda, then maybe some North End folks might show up and could state their concerns. Following this item, you withdrew from the rest of the meeting (for reasons given at the beginning).

I was able to leave home and arrive at the meeting while the sketch plan was being discussed, and immediately after that the meeting was adjourned. It was disappointing to realize that the people of the New North End who were being affected by the 451 Ethan Allen plan were to have been denied any input in either the March 7th or the April 5th meetings. I felt that it was being implied that we were lying about the meeting notice for the March 7th meeting and were bringing up unrelated issues to bolster our case. There certainly are sufficient strikes against this project going forward (and indeed, it has been turned down for good cause twice before, so we aren't making up negatives).

Currently the adjoining neighbors group have filed an appeal at the Environmental Court, with a hearing to be scheduled during the next 30 days.

Sincerely yours,

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